



Provisional Annotated Agenda of the 12th Scientific Committee meeting

Venue: Safari Motel, Windhoek, Namibia Date: 30 September – 09 October 2015

- 1. Opening and welcome remarks by the Chairperson**
The Chairperson: Mr P. Kainge will open the meeting and welcome delegates.
- 2. Adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements**
The Meeting will review and adopt the agenda. Delegates will be informed of any practical arrangements for the meeting by the Executive Secretary (DOC/SC/01/2015).
- 3. Appointment of Rapporteur**
The chairperson will ensure the appointment of rapporteurs who would take the minutes for the Scientific Committee Report.
- 4. Introduction of observers**
The Chairperson will announce observers present.
- 5. Introduction of delegates**
The Chairperson will allow participants to introduce themselves.
- 6. Review of submitted SEAFO working documents and any related presentations, allocation to the agenda items**
The meeting will review research/working documents and presentations submitted (DOC/SC/00/2015).
- 7. Report by the Executive Secretary presenting all landings, incidental by-catch and discard tables updated to July 2015**
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- 8. Review data of the 2015 Japanese exploratory fishing**
The results of the 2015 Japanese exploratory fishing survey will be presented and discuss.
- 9. Review landings, spatial and temporal distribution of fishing activity and biological data on non-benthic by-catch species.**
The meeting will review the spatial distribution of benthic organisms as reported by the fishing vessel in 2015 and make recommendations if necessary.

10. Review the spatial distribution of reported catches of benthic organisms (corals, sponges etc.)

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11. Review Stock Status Reports

The meeting will review the Stock Status Reports compiled in 2014 and updating the reports where necessary.

12. Review research activities in the SEAFO CA since October 2014 to date

The Dr Fridjof Nansen conducted a survey during January/February 2015 in the SEAFO CA. Findings and results will be presented and discussed.

13. Examine, where appropriate, assessments and research done by neighbouring States and other organisations

The meeting will examine assessments done by CCAMLR and if applicable and available assessments from the South Africa, Namibia and Angola.

14. SC to discuss if stock assessment or harvest control rules should be applied for future TACs

The Commission has requested to SC to discuss if stock assessment and/or harvest control rules be applied for the setting of TAC's in future. Some of the contracting parties have indicated that they would prefer a combination of the two.

15. Review Total Allowable Catches and related management conditions for Patagonian Tootfish and Deep-sea Red Crab

The SC will make recommends on the TAC's for Patagonian Tootfish and Deep-sea Red Crab for 2016/2017

16. Review of progress re development of an ID guide for fish

The Chair will inform SC on progress made with the ID guide.

17. Observer information, recap of observer training & possible changes to data forms & smart

A recap of the Observer Training conducted by CapFish will be presented. The meeting will review the current observer reporting forms and consider possible data collection improvements. The current status of the FAO-ABNJ SmartForm project will be presented.

18. Drafting of specific guidelines for the re-opening of closed area

The Commission is requesting SC to compile guidelines for the re-opening of closed areas.

19. SC to follow up on the by-catch of seabirds in the long line fishery

The Commission requested SC to follow up on the by-catch of seabirds. The SC should establish whether other birds were caught, the status of the birds and if more could be done to protect seabirds during fishing operations.

20. Advice and recommendations to the Commission on issues emanating from the 2015 meeting

SC will discuss and list all recommendations to the Commission for adoption.

21. Modification of the Recommendation 1/2008 Banning of deep-water shark catches into a binding Conservation Measure

The EU has requested SC to modify the recommendation into a binding Conservation Measure.

22. Modification of the Recommendation 1/2010 on Banning of Gillnets into a binding Conservation Measure

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23. Review 2015 work program and agree on the 2016 work programme.

SC should compile a work plan for next year indicating the activities and costing to be undertaken by SC

24. Any other matters.

The meeting will discuss additional points as raised during the adoption of the agenda.

25. Budget for 2016.

SC will compile a budget for 2016.

26. Election of Chair/Vice-chair

SC should elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for the next three years.

27. Adoption of the report.

The meeting will review and adopt the 2015 SC report.

28. Date and place of the next meeting.

The meeting will agree on a date and venue for the 2016 SC meeting.

29. Closure of the meeting.

The Chairperson will adjourn the meeting